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DRAFTED BY EB/ITP:WBARRACLOUGH:JH
APPROVED BY EB:RHORMATS
LABOR:J PAPOVICH (DRAFT)
EUR/RPE:E CASEY
STR:R HEIMLICH (DRAFT)
TREAS:F VUKMANIC
COMM:F ABBUHL (DRAFT)
TREAS: A SOLOMON
E:R COOPER EB/OT/STAT/OHERRON
EB/OT/STA: C H BLUM

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TO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS PRIORITY
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ALSO FOR EMBASSY

1. THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES DETAILED REPORT ON AMBASSADOR HINTON'S MEETING WITH EC COMMISSIONER DAVIGNON ON THE EC COUNCIL DECISION ON STEEL CONTAINED IN REF. A. WE ARE ANALYZING ALL OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION AND PARTICULARLY THE POSSIBLE QUANTITATIVE EFFECTS OF THE AGREEMENTS THE EC PROPOSES TO NEGOTIATE WITH SUPPLIER COUNTRIES. WE INTEND TO PROVIDE THE MISSION WITH OUR REACTION, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS FOR THE EC, WITHIN A FEW DAYS. HOWEVER, AS INDICATED IN REF B, WE BELIEVE PROPOSED BILATERAL AGREEMENTS GO WELL BEYOND OUR UNDERSTANDING IN THE OECD AD HOC STEEL GROUP NOVEMBER 30.

2. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL TO HOLD BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COMMISSION SOONEST ON OUR RESPECTIVE STEEL PROGRAMS. CONSULTATIONS MIGHT

COVER STATUS AND MECHANICS OF THE SOLOMON PLAN AND THE EC PROGRAM, IMPLICATIONS OF BOTH PROGRAMS FOR THE FURTHER WORK OF THE OECD AD HOC STEEL GROUP, AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE LIBERAL TRADING SYSTEM.

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3. SINCE OECD AD HOC STEEL GROUP IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO MEET AT THE END OF JANUARY, WE PROPOSE CONSULTATIONS TAKE PLACE IN EARLY JANUARY, PREFERABLY THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 AND, IF NECESSARY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 13. THIS WOULD ALLOW TIME ALSO TO CONSULT LATER WITH THE JAPANESE PRIOR TO THE OECD MEETING.

4. A U.S. TEAM LED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BARRACLOUGH AND ASSISTANT STR HEIMLICH IS PREPARED TO GO TO BRUSSELS FOR THE CONSULTATIONS. PLEASE ADVISE IF APPROPRIATE EC OFFICIALS ARE AVAILABLE JANUARY 12-13. CHRISTOPHER

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